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AN ACT

TRANSFERRING AND RENUMBERING SECTION 28-654, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, FOR PLACEMENT IN TITLE 28, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 21, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS SECTION 28-1204; AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 21, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-1203; AMENDING SECTION 28-1204, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS TRANSFERRED AND RENUMBERED BY THIS ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 28-1592 AND 28-1593, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-1602; AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-3323; AMENDING SECTION 41-1722, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING LAWS 2009, THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 31; RELATING TO PHOTO ENFORCEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Transfer and renumber

3 Section 28-654, Arizona Revised Statutes, is transferred and renumbered
4 for placement in title 28, chapter 3, article 21, Arizona Revised Statutes,
5 as section 28-1204.

6 Sec. 2. Title 28, chapter 3, article 21, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding section 28-1203, to read:

8 28-1203. Photo enforcement system placement; speed limit change

9 A PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE PLACED ON A STREET OR HIGHWAY
10 WITHIN SIX HUNDRED FEET OF A POSTED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE EXCEPT THAT A PHOTO
11 ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM MAY BE PLACED IN AN AREA AROUND A SCHOOL CROSSING THAT IS
12 DELINEATED BY SIGNS AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 28-797, SUBSECTION D.

13 Sec. 3. Section 28-1204, Arizona Revised Statutes, as transferred and
14 renumbered by this act, is amended to read:

15 28-1204. Photo enforcement zones; signage; standards; citation
16 dismissal

17 A. Except as provided in subsection F of this section, every local
18 authority or agency of this state using a photo enforcement system shall
19 adopt standards and specifications that indicate to a person operating a
20 motor vehicle that a photo enforcement system is present and operational.

21 B. The standards and specifications adopted pursuant to subsection A
22 of this section shall include ~~both~~ ALL of the following:

23 1. At least two signs shall be placed in a location before a photo
24 enforcement system. One sign shall be in a location that is approximately
25 three hundred feet before the photo enforcement system. Placement of
26 additional signs shall be more than three hundred feet before a photo
27 enforcement system to provide reasonable notice to a person that a photo
28 enforcement system is present and operational.

29 2. A SIGN THAT CLEARLY STATES THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE PLACED
30 BETWEEN THE TWO SIGNS PRESCRIBED BY PARAGRAPH 1.

31 ~~2-~~ 3. Signs indicating a photo enforcement system shall be removed or
32 covered when the photo enforcement system is no longer present or not
33 operating.

34 C. Signs erected by a local authority or agency of this state as
35 prescribed in this section shall contain a yellow warning notice and
36 correlate with and as far as possible conform to the system set forth in the
37 most recent edition of the manual on uniform traffic control devices for
38 streets and highways adopted by the director pursuant to section 28-641.

39 D. If the standards and specifications prescribed pursuant to this
40 section are not in effect during the operation of a photo enforcement system,
41 the court may dismiss any citation issued to a person who is identified by
42 the use of the photo enforcement system.

43 E. During the time a vehicle containing photo enforcement equipment is
44 being used to identify violators of ~~this article and article~~ ARTICLES 3 AND 6
45 of this chapter, the rear of the vehicle shall be clearly marked to indicate
46 that the vehicle is functioning as a photo enforcement vehicle. This

1 subsection does not apply to a vehicle that does not contain a photo
2 enforcement system and that is used by a law enforcement officer.

3 F. Subsection B of this section does not apply to a mobile photo
4 enforcement vehicle during the time a mobile photo enforcement vehicle is
5 deployed on streets with a posted speed limit of forty miles per hour or
6 less.

7 Sec. 4. Section 28-1592, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
8 28-1592. Commencement of action

9 A. A civil traffic violation case is commenced by issuance or filing
10 of a uniform traffic TICKET AND complaint as provided in this article.

11 B. A civil traffic violation case shall be commenced as follows:

12 1. If a case is commenced by issuance, it shall be issued within sixty
13 days of the alleged violation.

14 2. If the case is commenced by filing, it shall be filed within sixty
15 days of the alleged violation and shall be served within ninety days from the
16 filing date.

17 3. Except as provided in paragraph 4, within one hundred eighty days
18 of the alleged violation if the alleged violation is under investigation in
19 conjunction with a traffic accident.

20 4. Within one year of the alleged violation if the alleged violation
21 is under investigation in conjunction with a traffic accident resulting in
22 death.

23 5. IF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION IS DETECTED BY THE STATE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT
24 SYSTEM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1722, THE CASE SHALL BE FILED
25 WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

26 Sec. 5. Section 28-1593, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
27 28-1593. Service of uniform traffic ticket and complaint

28 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 28-1602, a traffic complaint may be
29 served by delivering a copy of the uniform traffic TICKET AND complaint
30 ~~citation~~ to the person charged with the violation or by any means authorized
31 by the rules of civil procedure. At the discretion of the issuing authority,
32 a complaint for a violation issued after an investigation in conjunction with
33 a traffic accident may be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested
34 and delivered to addressee only, to the address provided by the person
35 charged with the violation. Service of the complaint is complete on filing
36 the receipt in the court having jurisdiction of the violation.

37 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 28-1602, SUBSECTION A, the original
38 complaint shall be filed in a court having jurisdiction of the violation
39 within ten court days of the time the complaint was issued. A peace officer,
40 or duly authorized agent or someone paid to act on behalf of a traffic
41 enforcement agency, may issue the traffic complaint.

42 ~~C. Notwithstanding subsection B of this section, a civil traffic~~
43 ~~violation issued pursuant to section 41-1722 may be issued pursuant to a~~
44 ~~notice of violation before a citation is filed in court.~~

45 ~~D.~~ C. If a person fails to respond to the A notice of violation or
46 contests responsibility, a uniform traffic TICKET AND complaint ~~citation~~

1 shall be served and filed as otherwise provided in this section, EXCEPT THAT
2 THE COMPLAINT RESULTING FROM THE STATE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN
3 SECTION 28-1602 SHALL NOT BE FILED IN COURT BEFORE THE PERSON IS PERSONALLY
4 SERVED WITH THE COMPLAINT.

5 ~~E.~~ D. The supreme court shall establish rules governing the issuance,
6 service and processing of the notice of violation, including rules allowing a
7 person to admit responsibility before a ~~citation~~ UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET AND
8 COMPLAINT is filed in court.

9 Sec. 6. Title 28, chapter 5, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding section 28-1602, to read:

11 28-1602. Photo enforcement; notice of violation; complaint;
12 penalties; definition

13 A. A NOTICE OF VIOLATION FOR A CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATION DETECTED BY THE
14 STATE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM MAY BE ISSUED BEFORE A UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET
15 AND COMPLAINT IS FILED IN COURT.

16 B. THE CIVIL PENALTY OR FINE FOR A UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET AND
17 COMPLAINT FILED OR A NOTICE OF VIOLATION ISSUED AS A RESULT OF THE STATE
18 PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM IS ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND IS NOT SUBJECT
19 TO ANY SURCHARGE EXCEPT THE SURCHARGE IMPOSED BY SECTION 16-954. THE CIVIL
20 PENALTIES AND FINES SHALL BE DEPOSITED, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND
21 35-147, IN THE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 41-1722. A
22 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY ESTABLISH A PROCESSING FEE TO COVER THE COST
23 OF PROCESSING A PHOTO ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT. THE PROCESSING FEE IS NOT
24 SUBJECT TO ANY SURCHARGE.

25 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "STATE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM"
26 MEANS THE STATE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION
27 41-1722.

28 Sec. 7. Title 28, chapter 8, article 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
29 amended by adding section 28-3323, to read:

30 28-3323. Suspension or revocation of license; state photo
31 enforcement system

32 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, IF A PERSON IS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR A
33 CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATION DETECTED BY THE STATE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM
34 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1722, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CONSIDER
35 THE VIOLATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE PERSON'S DRIVER
36 LICENSE SHOULD BE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED. A COURT SHALL ONLY TRANSMIT
37 ABSTRACTS OF RECORDS OF THESE VIOLATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMERCIAL
38 DRIVER LICENSE HOLDERS.

39 Sec. 8. Section 41-1722, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
40 41-1722. State photo enforcement system; fund

41 A. Notwithstanding any other law, the department ~~shall~~ MAY enter into
42 a contract or contracts with a private vendor or vendors pursuant to chapter
43 23 of this title to establish a state photo enforcement system consisting of
44 cameras placed throughout this state as determined by the director to enforce
45 the provisions of title 28, chapter 3, articles 3 and 6 relating to vehicle
46 traffic and speed.

1 ~~B. Notwithstanding any other law, the civil penalty or fine for a~~
2 ~~citation or a notice of violation issued pursuant to this section is one~~
3 ~~hundred sixty five dollars and is not subject to any surcharge except the~~
4 ~~surcharge imposed by section 16-954.~~

5 ~~C.~~ B. The photo enforcement fund is established consisting of monies
6 received from ~~citations~~ UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS AND COMPLAINTS FILED or
7 notices of violation issued pursuant to this section. The director shall
8 administer the fund. Monies in the fund are subject to legislative
9 appropriation and are appropriated to the department for administrative and
10 personnel costs of the state photo enforcement system. Monies remaining in
11 the fund in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars at the end of each
12 calendar quarter shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147,
13 in the state general fund.

14 ~~D. Notwithstanding any other law, if a person is found responsible for~~
15 ~~a civil traffic violation or a notice of violation pursuant to a citation~~
16 ~~issued pursuant to this section, the department of transportation shall not~~
17 ~~consider the violation for the purpose of determining whether the person's~~
18 ~~driver license should be suspended or revoked. A court shall only transmit~~
19 ~~abstracts of records of these violations to the department of transportation~~
20 ~~for commercial driver license holders.~~

21 Sec. 9. Repeal; retroactivity

22 A. Laws 2009, third special session, chapter 6, section 31 is
23 repealed.

24 B. This section is effective retroactively to from and after June 30,
25 2009.

26 Sec. 10. Photo enforcement citations: judicial productivity
27 credits; retroactivity

28 A. From and after June 30, 2009 until the effective date of this act,
29 state photo enforcement citations issued pursuant to section 41-1722, Arizona
30 Revised Statutes, shall only be included in judicial productivity credit
31 calculations if the filing results in an adjudication, except if the citation
32 is dismissed due to lack of service.

33 B. This section is effective retroactively to from and after June 30,
34 2009.

35 Sec. 11. State photo enforcement system penalties: public
36 safety equipment fund

37 Notwithstanding section 41-1722, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended
38 by this act, and section 41-1723, Arizona Revised Statutes, in fiscal year
39 2010-2011, forty per cent of the monies remaining in the photo enforcement
40 fund after paying all expenses and court costs that cover the processing of
41 photo enforcement violations and citations, but not to exceed seven million
42 dollars, shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, Arizona
43 Revised Statutes, in the public safety equipment fund established by section
44 41-1723, Arizona Revised Statutes, and shall be used for the purposes
45 described in section 41-1723, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised Statutes.

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